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Sir:

I am currently undertaking research directed towards population estimation in underdeveloped nations through the utilization of aerial photographs. I have recently acquired from the U.S. Air Force an extensive set of aerial imagery covering much of South Vietnam. My reason for writing is to inquire whether the Central Intelligence Agency can supply me with any relatively reliable census data for any areas of South Vietnam. Though I fully realize that accurate and reliable information for the nation as a whole does not exist, I would hope that accurate figures for localized areas can be obtainable which would allow the adaptation of exist-theorms relating population density, settlement size, etc., to the Southeast Asian context. I am interested primarily in the lower delta region but would emphasize that any information on other areas within Couth Vietnam would be equally acceptable.

Could you please advise me whether I can obtain this type of census information through the Central Intelligence Agency and the areas in South Vietnam which would be covered? Should this data not be obtainable through your particular agency, could you please forward this letter to sources which might have access to the information I desire?

In addition, as I am interested in attempting to determine the utility of deriving ethnic census data from aerial photographs, would it be possible to obtain from you an atlas which I understand the Central Intelligence Agency publishes on South Vietnam, similar to the Communist China Map Folio from the Directorate of Intelligence which denotes the spacial ethnic distribution of the population within South Vietnam?

Thank you very much and I am,

Yours truly,



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